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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) 11-913
Genryou UMITSUKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636 *Gen*
Application No.: 09/801,734) Examiner: Konstantina T. Katcheves *1-2-03*
Filed: March 9, 2001)
For: A MULTIPLY TRANSFORMED)
KOJI MOLD AND A METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING A FLAVOR)
ENHANCER USING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action of September 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. The isolated koji mold of claim 1, wherein the protease nucleic acid sequence encodes the same amino acid sequence as that encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and the peptidase nucleic acid sequence encodes the same amino acid sequence as that encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.